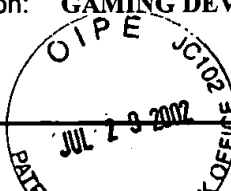
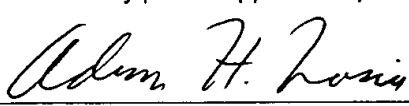


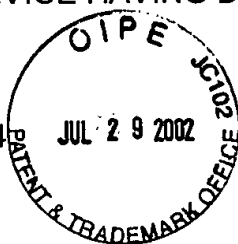
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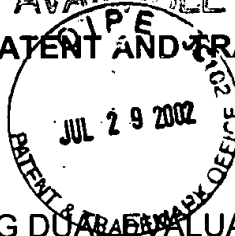
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In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, this response which is being filed within two months thereof, accordingly, please issue an advisory action for the above-identified patent application.

In the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A method for operating a slot machine including a plurality of symbols, said method comprising the steps of:
- (a) maintaining a list of award-yielding symbol combinations of said plurality of symbols in a controller;
 - (b) randomly generating on a plurality of paylines a first set of the symbols from the plurality of symbols;
 - (c) providing an award for each award-yielding symbol combination appearing in said first set;
 - (d) selecting at least one but not all of the symbols in the first set for individual replacement and individually replacing each said selected symbol in the first set with one of the plurality of symbols to generate a second set of the symbols; and
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